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VEHICLES (WP-29)

1. ECE (WP-29) GROUP OF EXPERTS ON THE CONSTRUCTION OF
VEHICLES HELD ITS 54TH MEETING FROM MARCH 6 THROUGH
MARCH 10, 1978. POCCHI OF ITALY WAS UNANIMOUSLY RE-
ELECTED CHAIRMAN OF WP-29 FOR THIS SESSION AND MR.
ANDRONOV OF THE USSR WAS RE-ELECTED VICE CHAIRMAN, BUT
WAS UNABLE TO ATTEND.

2. THE INITIAL WORK OF THE DELEGATES CONCERNED THE
INDIVIDUAL REPORTS OF THE GROUPS OF RAPORTEURS. IN
RESPECT TO THE REPORT AND DISCUSSION OF THE GROUP OF
RAPORTEURS ON NOISE (GRB) THE MEMBERS OF WP-29 WERE IN
AGREEMENT THAT THE HARMONIZATION OF REQUIREMENT ON MOTOR
VEHICLE CONSTRUCTION SHOULD DEAL WITH THE PROBLEM OF
HARMONIZING TEST METHODS, UNDER REGULATION NO. 9 WITH
THOSE APPEARING IN CORRESPONDING STANDARDS APPLIED IN
THE UNITED STATES, CANADA AND JAPAN.

3. THERE WAS CONSIDERABLE DISCUSSION ON THE REPORT BY THE
GROUP OF RAPORTEURS ON AIR POLLUTION (GRPA). IT APPEARS
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THAT THIS SUBJECT WILL BE OF GREAT INTEREST AT THE WP-29
JUNE MEETING, ESPECIALLY THE QUESTION OF HARMONIZATION OF
TEST CYCLE APPEARING IN REGULATION NO. 15 AND THAT OF
THE CORRESPONDING U.S. STANDARD. THE GROUP OF EXPERTS
FELT THAT THE PARTICIPATION BY A REPRESENTATIVE OF EPA
WOULD BE OF CONSIDERABLE HELP IN CLARIFYING THE SCOPE AND
ASSESSING THE PROBLEM AND THAT SUCH REPRESENTATION WOULD

BE DESIRABLE. ERIC STORK OF EPA HAS TENTATIVELY PLANNED A MEETING IN PARIS THE WEEK PRECEDING THE JUNE MEETING OF WP-29.

4. THE GROUP OF EXPERTS CONSIDERED THE WORK OF THE AD HOC MEETING ON HARMONIZATION REGARDING REGULATION NO. 18 ON AUTO THEFT PRESENTATION. THE U.S. DELEGATE SPOKE BRIEFLY ON THE THEFT PROBLEM IN THE UNITED STATES AND THE EFFORTS OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT INTERAGENCY COMMITTEE TO PREVENT AUTO THEFT, WHICH INCLUDES THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY SAFETY ADMINISTRATION. THE NHTSA HAS INITIATED RULE-MAKING TO AMEND SAFETY STANDARD 114 THAT WILL SPECIFY ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS TO IMPROVE VEHICLE SECURITY. THE GROUP OF EXPERTS (WP-29) REQUESTED THAT COPIES OF THE NEW REQUIREMENTS BE FURNISHED TO GRSG AS SOON AS THEY WERE AVAILABLE IN ORDER TO FACILITATE EFFORTS OF HARMONIZATION OF REGULATION 18 AND THE U.S. STANDARD. IT IS EXPECTED THAT FURTHER DISCUSSION OF THIS WILL OCCUR IN THE OCTOBER MEETING.

5. ALTHOUGH THERE WAS INSUFFICIENT TIME TO THOROUGHLY COVER THE ENTIRE AGENDA A NUMBER OF THE DELEGATES AND BPICA EXPRESSED CONCERN AND DISAPPOINTMENT THAT THE NHTSA DID NOT ACCEPT THE VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (VIN) STANDARD DEVELOPED BY THE ISO WHEN THEY ISSUED A NOTICE TO AMEND STANDARD 115. THE USDEL POINTED OUT

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THAT THE PROPOSED RULE-MAKING TO AMEND U.S. SAFETY STANDARD 115 IS STILL A PROPOSAL AND URGED THAT THOSE WHO WERE CONCERNED SHOULD EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS BY COMMENTING TO THE DOCKET. HE ASSURED THE OTHER DELEGATES THAT SUCH COMMENTS WOULD BE THOROUGHLY CONSIDERED BEFORE A FINAL DECISION IS MADE. THIS SUBJECT WILL BE DISCUSSED AT THE JUNE MEETING. SORENSON

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